

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

We want to bring to your attention the true military transformation that is occurring at Fort Lewis, Washington and solicit your support for continued procurement of the Stryker combat vehicle enabling this transformation.

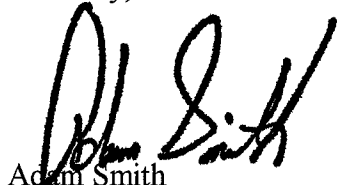
Home to units of the Army's 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis is proud to host the fielding of the Army's first two Stryker Brigade Combat Teams (SBCTs). Just months ago, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division began to turn in their Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles and received Stryker vehicles. Last month, this unit took their new vehicles to the Millennium Challenge joint exercise and rapidly deployed by C-130 and brought a new way of fighting to the Opposing Force.

All six SBCTs the Army intends to field represent a transformation in warfighting capability that will ensure our battlefield commanders have the tools they need to immediately respond in the War on Terrorism and other conflicts. The Stryker vehicle also represents a transformation in the weapon system acquisition process. The first Stryker was fielded in February, less than two years after contract award, and there are now nearly 200 delivered to the Army.

We are proud of our soldiers at Fort Lewis who are spearheading transformation of the U.S. military and we commend the Army and the Stryker industry team who are making this transformation possible.

We urge you to join us in supporting the Stryker and the Army's SBCTs.

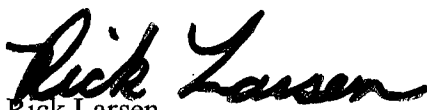
Sincerely,



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